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MESSAGE CLAIMS?

(A) claims 7 & 19 have unclear data.

(B) The original claim 21 has a dependency of claim 16. The examiner's amendment dated 4/23/04 has a dependency of claims 15. The original claims 15 & 16 are cancelled.

Please resolve

Thank you

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RESPONSE (A) Your query is erroneous. The first line of each of claims 7 and 19 is not pretty, but each is legible, both on the screen and in printout, AND you could have referred to CLM 2-6-01 ~~which~~ had clarification been necessary.

(B) No, the Examiner's amendment changes dependency in claim 21 to "14." Typo initials DSO

Art Unit: 1732

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative on April 21, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 17, delete "16" and insert -14-

Claim 19, delete "15" and insert -14-

Claim 20, delete "15" and insert -14-

Claim 21, delete "15" and insert -14-

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The invention relates to a method of forming products by bonding lignocellulosic particle material in which the material is subjected to a binding operation by curing a phenolformaldehyde resin and at least one maleic acid and/or maleic anhydride wherein the

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